recovered from the premises of son-in-law of S.A.S. Geelani, namely Syed Iftikar Geelani. A case has been registered against Syed Ali Shah Geelani under the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2002 and the J&K Public Safety Act 1978. A case under the Official Secrets Act 1923 and Section 120-B of the Indian Penal Code has been registered against his son-in-law.

Foreign Nationals arrested by Delhi Police

123. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of foreign nationals who were overstaying without any valid visa have been arrested by the Delhi Police in the Capital recently;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have asked State Governments to identify the foreign nationals who are illegally overstaying;

(d) if so, the details of such persons in each State as on 30 June, 2002; and

(e) the steps taken to arrest such persons who are illegally overstaying in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) During the years 2001 and 2002 (upto 30th June, 2002), 66 foreign nationals were arrested by Delhi Police for over staying in the capital without extension of their visas.

(c) to (e) The Central Government have delegated powers under section 3 of the Foreigners Act to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to detect and deport foreigners residing illegally in the country. Instructions have also been issued from time to time to intensify efforts for identification and deportation of foreigners residing in India illegally. As the delegated powers are being exercised by the State Governments concerned, no separate data regarding foreigners residing in the country after the expiry of their visas is centrally maintained.

Infiltration of Militants in J and K

124. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the newstime "Infiltration will continue : Pak" appearing in the 'Newstime' dated 13th June, 2002 has been brought to the Government's notice;